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NATIONAL FORESTRY ACTION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government`s ambitious plan of bringing one-third area of the country under forest cover, initiated under the National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) is in deep trouble due to lack of resources; and

(b) If so, the steps taken/being taken to resolve the above crunch?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a)&(b) The National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP), a comprehensive strategic plan has been prepared with one of the objectives to bring one-third geographic area of the country under forest and tree cover by plantations on all categories of wastelands and agroforestry. The programme will be implemented by the States/UTs. The implementation of the programme requires huge financial resources. Under the National Afforestation Programme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme an outlay of Rs. 1140 crores have been allocated during X Five Year Plan for regeneration and eco-development of degraded forests and adjoining areas. Further, the States have been requested to increase financial allocation to forestry sector in the coming years.